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Pursuant to your request, 56 pages(s) were reviewed and 54 page(s) are being released.

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SUBJECT Harold Lord Varney

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Louisville, Kentucky**

FILE NO. 100-4901

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 12-16-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-24, 27-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] hdb b7c
TITLE HAROLD BARNEY; LEE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] HAROLD L. BARNEY, Associate Editor, American Mercury Magazine. President, St. Louis News Company, distributor in this area, contacted with negative results. States that HAROLD L. BARNEY might be with American Mercury headquarters in New York City. Other agencies and directories contacted with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Teletype Louisville to St. Louis, dated 10-23-42.
Teletype St. Louis to Louisville, dated 10-25-42.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The St. Louis Office has been unable to determine the nationality or nationalistic tendencies of the subjects in this case; therefore, the character of this case is being designated as Internal Security.

In an effort to ascertain the identity and background information on subject BARNEY, [REDACTED] was contacted and revealed the name of one HAROLD L. BARNEY, an associate editor of the American Mercury Magazine. No additional information was present on this record.

[REDACTED] St. Louis News Company, 1335 Delmar Boulevard, was contacted, and he advised that the St. Louis News Company is the distributor of the American Mercury Magazine for this area. He stated that he is not acquainted with a HAROLD L. BARNEY, who is allegedly an associate editor. He informed the writer that the headquarters of the American Mercury Magazine are at 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and that BARNEY might be known at that location.

Other agencies and directories were contacted with negative results.

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Since no further investigation is to be conducted by this office, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D S

THE SAINT LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will report the results of the mail cover placed on December 9, 1944, on the subject, HAROLD LOND WARNEY [REDACTED] at 5630 Pershing Avenue.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

LSVL. FILE NO. **65-618**

REPORT MADE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	DATE WHEN MADE 1/22/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/22, 23, 26/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c GBC/ABM
TITLE HAROLD BARNEY; LEE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] b7D
 BARNEY resides New York City. St. Louis Field advises BARNEY Assistant Editor of American Mercury with headquarters New York City, 570 Lexington Avenue. Investigation negative. Description set out.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from New York 10-22-42.
 Teletype to St. Louis 10-23-42.
 Teletype from St. Louis 10-25-42.
 Teletype to Indianapolis 10-26-42.
 Teletype from Indianapolis 12-1-42.
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 12-16-42, St. Louis, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

Inasmuch as the subject resides in New York City and has headquarters there, New York is being designated office of origin, although reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] carried Louisville as origin. b7c

By teletype dated October 22, 1942, the New York Field Division advised subject HAROLD BARNEY [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] The hotels in the City of Louisville were contacted in an effort to determine whether the subject had checked in on October 22.

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It was ascertained that neither subject BARNEY nor an individual by the name of LEE had checked in at the Brown Hotel although BARNEY was called by Operator 7, Washington, Indiana at 6:07 P.M., October 22. It was ascertained that the call was not completed and Indianapolis was requested to determine the source and the identity of the individual making the call.

By letter from the Indianapolis Field Division dated December 1, 1942, this office was advised that the records at the Washington, Indiana Bell Telephone Office were examined for the above mentioned call with negative results.

[REDACTED] porter on Car 24, Train 12 enroute from St. Louis, Missouri to Louisville, and who resides at [REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer and he stated that he remembered the subject BARNEY and advised that he got in the train at St. Louis, Missouri, October 21, that he carried with him a dark tan brief case and had the letters "U.S." painted on the side of it. He stated that a message was given him by the [REDACTED] in North Vernon, Indiana, to [REDACTED] to deliver to the subject. He stated that he handed the telegram to the subject on the morning of October 22 and that nothing was said by subject as the result of receiving this telegram. He stated that the subject did get off at Louisville, Kentucky.

[REDACTED] on Train 12 enroute from St. Louis to Louisville, advised that he recalled receiving the message at Mount Vernon, Indiana and giving the same to the pullman porter. He advised that he noticed nothing peculiar about the subject nor anything about his destination.

The St. Louis Field Division was requested to make preliminary investigation and advise the Louisville office the results thereof. Reference report reveals the fact that subject is Associate Editor of the American Mercury Magazine, and resides in New York City at 570 Lexington Avenue.

[REDACTED] described the subject BARNEY as follows:

Age	50 to 55
Height	5' 9"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Graying and receding
Dress	Brown suit, tan shoes.
Peculiarities	Prominent stomach

Since the subject has his headquarters in New York City, and since there is no further investigation in Louisville, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SERIAL FILE NO. 100-4901

REPORT MADE AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 12-27-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-1-45 5, 6, 11, 12-4	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE HAROLD LORD VARNEY - with alias: Harold Jarney;			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject VARNEY does not live at 5630 Pershing Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, at present time. Has received mail there at infrequent intervals. Some indication that subject is residing in New York. Mail cover placed [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 11-7-44, at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Pettingill Apartments, 5630 Pershing Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, advised that [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has been visited in the past at infrequent intervals by a middle-aged man who [REDACTED] assumed was her brother. [REDACTED] was quite certain, however, that this gentleman did not live [REDACTED] apartment. She stated that on several occasions mail had been delivered to the Pettingill Apartments for HAROLD VARNEY and was accepted [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as an old maid about 50 years of age, who was a "very cranky and peculiar" person.

[REDACTED] stated that she did not know HAROLD VARNEY, but [REDACTED] is very hard to get along with. [REDACTED] stated that she understood [REDACTED] had a good position in a library. She has never engaged her in a conversation long enough to ascertain any information about her personal life or any of her relatives.

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[REDACTED] regular mail carrier for the district embracing 5630 Pershing Avenue, asserted that he delivers all the mail for the apartment building to the main desk. He recalls delivering mail addressed to [REDACTED] but could not remember having ever had any mail for HAROLD VARNEY.

A check at the reference room of the Saint Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, disclosed the following Associated Press dispatch, dated March 15, 1937, at New York, New York:

American Civil Liberties Union Counsel, ARTHUR GARFIELD HAY said he has entered suit for \$50,000 damages against the "American Mercury" and HAROLD LORD VARNEY, Associate Editor. The action was based on an article written by VARNEY in the December issue of the magazine, entitled, "The Civil Liberties Union" and sub-titled, "Liberalism in Moscow".

A check of the reference room of the Saint Louis Globe-Democrat newspaper disclosed the following local news story, which appeared March 21, 1932:

The Order of Knighthood as Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy has been conferred on HAROLD LORD VARNEY, former Saint Louisan, by His Majesty the King of Italy.

The honor was conferred in recognition of VARNEY's contribution to the cause of better Italo-American friendship and understanding as national director of the Italian Historical Society of America. He lectured at the Y...M...C... last December.

A lecturer and writer, he was born at Dover, New Hampshire in July, 1890. He was graduated from Central High School in Saint Louis and the University of Missouri.

In 1920, he was Director of Publicity for the Constitutional League. From 1922 to 1926 he was Managing Director of the Italian Historical Society and Information Chief of the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

[REDACTED] of Oreon E. and A. G. Scott Real Estate Company, 800 Chestnut Street, advised the writer that [REDACTED] has rented an apartment at 5630 Pershing Avenue since October 6, 1936.

[REDACTED] Local Board number 25, which covers the district embracing 5630 Pershing Avenue, stated there was no record of

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any registrant named HAROLD LORD VARNLEY. However, there was a record of a [REDACTED] who had been inducted into the Army on June 22, 1943, under Serial Number [REDACTED] This person's last address was given as [REDACTED] Saint Louis, Missouri, and his wife was listed as [REDACTED] His date of birth was given as [REDACTED] The person to be notified in the event of death or injury of [REDACTED]

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The files of the Saint Louis Police Department were examined unsuccessfully in an attempt to locate a record for HAROLD LORD VARNLEY.

7. The records of Confidential Informants [REDACTED] whose identities are known to the Bureau, also failed to produce any additional information of value in this investigation.

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Through the assistance of [REDACTED] City Comptroller's Office, the tax books were examined but there was no record for HAROLD LORD VARNLEY, although [REDACTED] was listed on each return.

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The Saint Louis City Directory reflected that [REDACTED] was presently employed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is now in New York [REDACTED]

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The Saint Louis Post Office was requested on December 9, 1944, to place a mail cover on HAROLD LORD VARNLEY [REDACTED] at the address of 5630 Pershing Avenue.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. 100-50951 GMA

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/22/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/17, 18, 22, 26; 12/1, 2, 10, 21/43.	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE HAROLD LORD VARNEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - I

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born 7/13/93, Mass., was a member of I.W.W. for seven years; a publicity writer for Republic National Committee, 1920-1922; managing director of Italian Historical Society, 1927-1933 and was editor of the "Awakener", anti-New Deal newspaper 1933-1936; received Cavaliere decoration from Italy 1932 and was associate editor "American Mercury" 1936-1938; wrote article, "The Outlook for Democracy in Italy" and allegedly admitted that the Italian Historical Society upheld Mussolini and Fascism. Subject was manager of Pan Pacific Press in 1938 and has been Public Relations Survey Director since September 1941 for [REDACTED] Economist.

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DETAILS:

The investigation in instant case was predicated upon information furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically, on July 9, 1943 by [REDACTED] who advised that an article in the July 12, 1943 issue of "In Fact" contained an expose of one, EGGLESTON, former editor of Scribner's Commentator. [REDACTED] stated that the article also mentioned one, HAROLD LORD VARNEY, as having been an associate of EGGLESTON. According to [REDACTED] VARNEY used to write for "American Mercury" and at one time was a paid propagandist for the Italian Government and did a great deal of publicity work for the former Fascist League of North America, the Italian Historical Society and the Italy America Society.

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The July 12, 1943 issue of "In Fact" was examined and it was noted that it contained an article against GEORGE T. EGGLESTON, former Editor of "Scribner's Commentator" who had allegedly been hired by "Readers Digest". In the article, mention was made only incidentally that the former "American Mercury" magazine had been turned over to the Fascist propaganda of LAWRENCE DENNIS, HAROLD LORD VARNEY and others.

"Who's Who in America", 1940-1941, contains the following information concerning HAROLD LORD VARNEY, who is characterized as a writer:

VARNEY was born at Dover, New Hampshire on July 13, 1893. He attended Central High School in St. Louis and the University of Missouri. VARNEY, whose marital status was indicated as being single, was a lecturer from 1919 to 1920; a publicity writer for the Republican National Committee from 1920 to 1922; an information chief for the Federal Board of Vocational Education, Washington, D.C., from 1922 to 1925; and the Managing Director of the Italian Historical Society from 1927 to 1933. VARNEY was also Editor of the "Awakener" from 1933 to 1936; Associate Editor of the "American Mercury" from 1936 to 1938 and had been Manager of the "Pan Pacific Press" since 1938.

VARNEY received the decoration of Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy in 1932. His home address was 5630 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri and his business address was Castle and Cooke Building, Honolulu, T. H.

The New York newspaper morgue contained an editorial from the "New York World" dated February 8, 1920. This editorial was written by HAROLD LORD VARNEY and reflects that VARNEY became a Socialist when attending law school in St. Louis. At the age of eighteen he and others started a newspaper known as the "Socialist Tribune." VARNEY left the Socialist Party and became a member of the I.W.W. rising in that organization, in a period of seven years, to a position of importance, as one of its national leaders. He was the writer and interpreter of the movement. Two of VARNEY's books were used as text books by that organization. He was also the foremost lecturer for the I. W. W.

VARNEY separated himself from the I. W. W. when he realized that it was the uncompromising revolutionist which it claimed to be; that its main object was only to destroy the A.F.L. VARNEY stated that he came to realize that social progress doesn't come by revolution; that it comes only by work. It doesn't come suddenly, it grows slowly and tortuously, but every growth is eternal. VARNEY stated the hope of the future lies in the unifying of men's energies into a greater and saner capitalism; it doesn't come from those who preach division and who demoralize our unity in class hatred."

The "New York Tribune" newspaper morgue contains a clipping dated December 24, 1929 which reflects that Dr. CHARLES VARNEY, Anti-Fascist Leader, charged that the disbanding of the Fascist League of North America was just a blind and that its activities would be carried on by the Italian Historical Society. This charge was denied by some of the officials of both organizations. Count IGNAZIO THAON di REVEL, head of the American Fascisti was also trustee of the Italian Historical Society. It was stated that Count ALFONSO FACHETTI GUIGLIA would assist di REVEL. The existence of the Italian Historical Society was first proclaimed on May 1, 1927 by the Italian Ambassador at a dinner.

HAROLD LORD VARNEY, Manager of the Italian Historical Society, conceded that the Society maintained paid lecturers to go about the country, that the Society favored the Mussolini Regime and that its lecturers were for Mussolini and defended Fascism. Pamphlets upholding Mussolini and Fascism were circulated by the Society. One of these pamphlets was "The outlook for Democracy in Italy" by VARNEY.

In the newspaper clipping, it was also indicated that VARNEY admitted that the Society would not book any lecturer who was opposed to Mussolini or Fascism "because Fascismo and Mussolini are synonymous with Italy." VARNEY stated that former Representative MILFORD W. HOWARD of Alabama was one of the Society's paid lecturers on Mussolini and Fascismo. VARNEY also stated that the Italian Historical Society had branches in Brooklyn and Buffalo and had affiliated groups in Rochester, Boston, Newark and other cities, but that outside of Brooklyn and Buffalo, the associations were too few to permit them to organize chapters.

The clipping further relates that VARNEY stated that the Society doesn't receive and has not received any money from Mussolini or the Italian Government. VARNEY indicated that there were several officers of the Society who were not favorably disposed to Fascism but declined to name them. VARNEY also stated that the total membership of the Italian Historical Society consisted of about six hundred persons of whom nearly one-third were Americans.

The clipping further related that the headquarters of the Italian Historical Society was located at 113 West 42nd Street, New York and contained less than twenty books. The Italian Historical Society had only one employee, "a stenographer", besides VARNEY. The sole income of the Society was its dues and it had had a hard pull financially. It was indicated that its annual deficits, which averaged \$2000., were met by some of its wealthy trustees.

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The "New York Times" newspaper morgue contains a clipping dated April, 1934, which reflects that HAROLD LORD VARNEY was Editor of the "Awakener", a recently established periodical opposed to the policies of President ROOSEVELT. VARNEY declared that the first step in preparation for the next Presidential campaign must be done by paging the senators and representatives of the Republican Party who voted for ROOSEVELT and who have continued to support his measures.

A clipping in the "New York Times" morgue dated December 4, 1928, reflects that HAROLD LORD VARNEY left the I. W. W. in 1920 and later assisted President HARDING as an adviser on labor matters. It was indicated that VARNEY was opposed to the Workers Communist Party as a club alien in its ideas.

A "New York Times" clipping dated December 11, 1934, reflects that HAROLD LORD VARNEY, for several years Director of the Italian Historical Society of New York, spoke before the Brooklyn Women's Club on the underlying causes of Mussolini's success in Italy. VARNEY stated: "I want to speak of Mussolini as the personification of this twilight period into which the world is entering. Implicit self-faith is one character of his. There are very few men who possess the desire or courage to stand alone in a political or social situation. He early displayed the power for, created and cemented Italian Fascism."

At the New York Public Library, 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, pamphlets of the Italian Historical Society were examined. The Italian Historical Society indicated in its pamphlets that it was engaged in assembling in occasional publications, the documents relating to social reforms, economic developments and achievements which are of interest to students and to the public at large and which threw light on the life of contemporary Italy or on the problems of Italians in America. Each publication is devoted to one particular subject.

Pamphlet No. 6 (June 1929) of the Italian Historical Society contains an article written by HAROLD LORD VARNEY entitled: "The Outlook For Democracy in Italy." That article alleges that in a way, Democracy has never been tried. VARNEY states in the article: "Certainly one cannot compare the corrupt and unrepresentative farce of petty boss dictatorship and mass manipulation which everywhere passes for popular government today with the power and soaring concept of, Government of, for and by the people of LINCOLN, JEFFERSON AND PAINE, without realizing how tragically Democracy falls short of fulfillment."

Italy under MUSSOLINI has dramatized the problem in its most spectacular form. Liberal spokesmen throughout the world envisaging

" Fascism as an anti-Democratic conspiracy have proclaimed hysterical crusades to discredit it. Similarly, over-ardent Fascists have in many instances taken up the gage and defended their program by asserting its antithesis to Democracy. A general impression grips the public mind that Fascism has come as the great alternative which is destined to give the pattern to a new anti-Democratic order of the future. "

" It is unfortunate that Fascism has been posed before the world in this light. The flaw in the concept is the failure to realize that in essence, Fascism is not anti-Democratic at all. "

" It may even be conceived as the culmination of Democracy. Admittedly, it has abolished former Democratic institutions and set up a dictatorship during the period of transition. But the accomplishment of its final program will mean, not the doom, but the rebirth of Democracy in Italy. Its philosophy is conceived, not in the belief that Democracy has been a failure but in the realization that it has never been adequately tried.-----

" ----The so-called Democracy which Mussolini overthrew in Italy was in no sense the counterpart of the Democratic system as we know it in America. It was parliamentary Democracy.-----Government had degenerated to a sordid succession of ministries which kept themselves in power by policies of inaction and compromise which would insure the continued support of the blocs composing their temporary majorities.-----

" The only remedy for such a malady was a major operation which would reconstruct the very form of Italian Government. Fascism was evolved out of this realization.

" The two fundamental premises of Fascism are that Democratic governments can never be achieved except through a parliament in which division upon the basis of political parties in the old sense will be abolished, and to which the members will be chosen, not as representatives of geographical or regional districts, but as representatives of the actual occupational interests of the nation's economic life.-----

" The assumption that an archaic form of political representation, based upon the anatomy of society as it existed in 1789, could select a government capable of coping efficiently with the technical problems of a high-gear industrial age is untenable.-----

" The remedy for such a travesty on popular government, as Mussolini saw it in 1922 was to bring Democracy up to date.-----Fascism scrapped

"entirely the old system of regional, geographical representation and replaced it by a system of vocational representation. As the foundation of this system of representation Fascism created the corporative organization. Every economic group in the Italian nation which participates in the productive process has been organized by the State to a confederation.----- It is as if in the United States there was one colossal economic super-organization under government supervision, into which were integrated all the trade and employers' associations, the Chamber of Commerce, the labor unions, the farm organizations and the professional associations now existing autonomously. By such organization the whole economic life of the nation would be unified into a single organism.-----

" The real Democracy of the election which chose the new corporative parliament(in Italy) is demonstrated beyond question by the extraordinary popular participation.-----

" When the fact is considered that even in the United States where Democracy is rooted in generations of habit, the Presidential election of 1924 brought out only fifty percent of the eligible vote, the conclusion is permissible that the Italian Corporative System has a real potency for inspiring and renewing that popular interest in public affairs which is the essence of Democracy.----- The fact that there is apparently only one political party, the Fascist Party, is the final proof of the more perfect Democracy of corporative representation.----- The Fascist Party has long ceased to be a political party and has become the national organization of the whole Italian population.

" The fruitless and inane parliamentary wrangling of political blocs and parties, seeking to promote, not the national welfare, but merely the ambitions of individual politicians, had disappeared with the parties. In place of this we see a parliament of technically trained men coming fresh from actual economic life, presenting calmly in this national forum the constructive viewpoints of their respective corporations and defending their interests.-----an utterly different mental attitude from that of the partisan parliament.

" What a corporative parliament really does is to close the gap now existing in all countries between the economic and political admission of the nation. Logically no such gap should exist.-----

" To bring government up to date and to fit it to meet the needs of a complex economic society, the government must have a direct mandate from the nation's industries and must give them voice and representation in its councils.

" How inevitable is this trend in modern government as seen by the present situation in the United States. Here we have the principle of geographical representation still entrenched in our Congress. But so acutely realized is the need of economic representation in Washington that we have seen in recent years the steady growth of an extra-legal legislative force in our capital which today practically dominates the decisions of the actual Congress. We refer to the national legislative representatives of the trade associations, of the labor unions, and of the commercial agencies of the country.-----They have been referred to as the 'third house of Congress.' Obviously, there is no Democracy in a system whereby such purely private personalities have more power over congressional decisions, in some cases, than all the constituents of our Congressmen.-----

" What has grown up, unsanctioned and unregulated in the practice of our own politics, Italy through her Corporative Parliament has simply legalized and brought under control in such a system there can be no question of industry dominating government or government hobbling industry, because the administration of both is in identical hands. The government is selected by industry but industry in turn has been incorporated and brought under unified government control. Thus the synthesis between the nation's governmental and economic life is made complete.-----

" It is due to exaltation of the executive branch in its government that the United States has been able to make so transient a success of Democracy. -----

" It is this unique and vitalizing feature of our American Democracy which has been most closely paralleled by the Fascist Government.-----Almost the first act of Mussolini upon becoming Prime Minister of Italy in 1922 was to revise the Italian Constitution and free the office of Prime Minister from its subordination to parliament. -----

" Today the American people, buoyant in their economic abundance, can afford the luxury of individualistic economic life and traditional government. A luxury which poorer and less favored nations, such as Italy, must abandon. Perhaps in some future time there may be occasion, even in America, for the adoption of some kind of corporative Democracy.-----Diverse though they be in form, there is certainly far closer relationship between the spirit of New Fascist Italy and the spirit of America. Out of the mist and tumult of misunderstanding and slander which has obscured the truth, one fact about Fascist Italy stands out with increasing clearness and that is that Democracy has not been buried in Italy with the Liberal Parliament. It has been transformed - revitalized - reborn. In the words of Mussolini himself: 'Our state is composed of a kind of concentrated, organized, authoritative Democracy'-----"

A review of the files of the New York Field Division discloses that in August of 1941, information was received to the effect that the Italian Historical Society had maintained offices at Rockefeller Center, New York. G.M. MORTATI, 29 East Mosholu Parkway, New York, was listed as President and H. R. MARRARO as Secretary. The Italian Historical Society continued to operate under the name of Unione Italiana d'America and moved to 595 Madison Avenue, New York.

At the New York Public Library, 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, copies of the newspaper, "Awakener" were examined. The "Awakener" carried on its first page, the statements: "A National Organ of Censored Opinion"; "For the Americanism of the 'right';" "Against the Socialism of the 'left'." It was edited by HAROLD LORD VARNEY. The Associate Editor was indicated as being LAWRENCE DENNIS who was later replaced by DEMAREST LLOYD. The Executive Editor of the "Awakener" was indicated as being JOSEPH P. KAMP. The "Awakener" was published twice a month at 110 West 42nd Street, New York and existed from December 1933 to May 1936.

An examination of the "Awakener" disclosed that this newspaper appeared to be anti-Roosevelt, anti-New Deal and pro-Republican. It was concerned mainly with the approaching presidential election of 1936.

At the New York Public Library, it was noted that in the May 1937 issue of the "American Mercury" magazine, there appeared an article by HAROLD LORD VARNEY entitled: "The Red Road to War." This article appeared to be an anti-Russian and anti-Communist article, the burden of which was concerned with whether or not America would find herself fighting as an ally of Soviet Russia in the next world war. The article indicated that Russian propaganda made a profound impact upon the Hitler-hating liberal citizenry so that it sees Russia as the destined savior of western Democracy. VARNEY, in this article, stated as follows: "When our liberal Americans talk glibly of the possibility of American aid for Russia in a future war against Germany and Japan, they blink a factor which may determine history. The factor is that Russia in such an anti-Fascist world war would inevitably become the master of the world-----."

"If Germany, Italy and Japan, which are today desperately attempting to establish a Cordon Sanitaire about the Russian borders, are beaten down by the non-support of the Democratic nations, it will be the bitter fate of the United States to find itself in a world in which Russia is supreme.

"Once again Genghis Kahn is on the march from the steppes, the malignant Fascist nations are today Europe's primary bulwark against his new advance."

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In the issue dated August 1937("American Mercury") HAROLD LORD VARNEY has an article entitled: "The Truth About American Fascism". This appears to be an anti-Roosevelt article which takes the view that if Fascism should ever come to America, it would arrive in the guise of Fascism. The outlines of the American corporative state are slowly but unmistakably emerging from the integuments of the new deal. Anti-Fascists pursue phantom American blackshirts while they unhesitatingly support a Supreme Court coup which would remove our last dependable bulwark against a future American Fascist Regime. VARNEY pointed out that there is a Fascist threat in America even though it is invisible to eyes that are searching for storm troupers. It is the menace of the gripping totalitarianism which, under the pretext of implementing Democracy, is slowly corroding the whole American Democratic age. VARNEY further stated that the opponents of this totalitarianism are in many instances the persons who have been called potential American fuehrers. He states that the totalitarianism which is now engulfing our institutions have been all of the President's conjuring and that the President's deeds have pointed inexorably toward a future Fascist America. VARNEY further indicated that concedingly Roosevelt performed a spectacular service to American Democracy by sidetracking the forces which might have led to avert Fascism in 1932. VARNEY stated: "but the President's records have been letters inspiring we turn our attention to Fascism within, for while Roosevelt has adroitly checked Fascism in its blackshirt manifestation, it is painfully apparent that he has done so at the cost of the introduction of an equally withering Fascism in the heart of our Government system. -----The remedy of totalitarianism pervades his New Deal Program. "

The issue dated August 1938("American Mercury") contains an article by VARNEY entitled: "The Left Kidnaps American Youth". This article is concerned with the World Youth Congress which met August 1938 at Poughkeepsie, New York. The article was anti-Communist in Theme.

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A review of the files of the New York Field Division reflected information obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau to the effect that VARNEY, in 1941, was a writer for HEARST publications.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has a wide knowledge of persons in the field of journalism, advised that he has heard the name HAROLD LORD VARNEY but that he has never met him and knows nothing of him. b2 b7D

A further review of the files of the New York Field Division reflects that in November 1939, information was received from Confidential Informant [REDACTED] to the effect that HAROLD LORD VARNEY was associated with [REDACTED] American Nationalist Party, Los Angeles, California. b2 b7C b7D

A further review of the files of the New York Field Division disclosed that information, dated June 1939, was received, which reflected that HAROLD LORD VARNEY, who normally resided in New York City, was brought to Honolulu by BOWMAN DEUTE AND CUMMINGS, INCORPORATED or its subsidiary, PAN PACIFIC PRESS BUREAU, with offices at 414 Castle and Cooke Building, Honolulu, T. H., to make a survey of the inroads of Communism and labor organizations throughout Hawaii and to institute a counter-offense. In May 1939 VARNEY was made chief of the PANPACIFIC PRESS BUREAU which was originally organized to disseminate favorable publicity for the sugar industry. It later appeared that the PAN PACIFIC PRESS BUREAU apparently took on the additional function of combating Communism.

The office of BOWMAN DEUTE AND CUMMINGS, INCORPORATED, 215 Market Street, San Francisco, California, furnished information in March 1940 that VARNEY was then attached to the Honolulu office of that company.

A review of the file further discloses that HAROLD LORD VARNEY was in Honolulu for more than a year, associated with the PAN PACIFIC PRESS BUREAU which was operated by BOWMAN DEUTE AND CUMMINGS, INCORPORATED. It was stated that the PAN PACIFIC PRESS BUREAU owned an advertising and press agency which handled the publicity of the HAWAIIAN SUGAR PLANTERS ASSOCIATION of Honolulu. VARNEY was reported to have returned to New York City, where he was connected with the Republican National Committee, pending the general election in 1940. At the offices of the PAN PACIFIC PRESS BUREAU in Honolulu, it was stated that VARNEY could be reached in care of [REDACTED] New York City. b7C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] may be noted that in 1939
VARNEY referred [REDACTED] b7c

A further review of the files of the New York Field
Division disclosed the information to the effect that HAROLD LORD VARNEY b7c
was believed to own the YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The files of Selective Service Board No. 56, 103 East
125th Street, New York City, reflect that HAROLD LORD VARNEY was regis-
tered on April 26, 1942 as a resident of 23 East 124th Street, New York. b7c
VARNEY indicated that he was born on July 13, 1893 at Pepperell, Massa-
chusetts. (This is at variance with his birth place which was indicated
as being New Hampshire in "Who's Who in America"). VARNEY indicated that
the person who would always know his address was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York City. It was also noted that VARNEY was em-
ployed by [REDACTED] New York City. In his
Occupational Questionnaire dated March 12, 1943, VARNEY advised that he
was employed as Publicity Relations Survey Director since September 1941,
and that he is engaged in making industrial surveys.

The following description of the subject was obtained from
his Selective Service file:

Age:	50
Born:	July 13, 1893, Pepperell, Massachusetts
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	154 lbs.
Eyes:	Hazel
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Social Security No.:	554-18-8442
Marital Status:	Single
Education:	One year of college.
Employer:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] New York, New York.

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[REDACTED] VARNEY spoke on behalf of Fascism and held that Democracy was "rotten". [REDACTED] was unable to recall any of the specific remarks made by VARNEY on that occasion. At that time, [REDACTED] VARNEY [REDACTED] spoke for Fascism and VARNEY replied that he was paid \$5000. a year as managing director of the Italian Historical Society. [REDACTED] stated that he had no actual information that VARNEY was a paid propagandist for the Italian Government but assumed that he might have been because he received \$5000. as managing director of the Italian Historical Society. [REDACTED] further advised that he never had any other personal contact with VARNEY [REDACTED] But years later learned that VARNEY was being employed by the Republican National Committee. At that time, [REDACTED] wrote a letter to [REDACTED] the Republican National Committee exposing subject. [REDACTED] stating that he would discharge VARNEY.

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[REDACTED] advised that the present activities and whereabouts of VARNEY are unknown to him.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] and the reporting agent interviewed [REDACTED] at 23 East 124th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that VARNEY has been living at that address for over two years. He lives with a "Spanish" girl whose age is approximately seventeen. They told [REDACTED] that they are married. [REDACTED] stated that she was a little concerned over the girl because she appeared to be very dark and might have Negro blood. [REDACTED] further advised that VARNEY doesn't mix with his neighbors and that [REDACTED] sees him occasionally going to work in the morning. Aside from that, [REDACTED] stated she knew nothing concerning VARNEY.

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect, in report dated September 29, 1943, that HAROLD LORD VARNEY [REDACTED] reside at 23 East 124th Street, New York City. VARNEY was listed as being a statistician in the Public Relations Department of [REDACTED] publicity

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agency, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City. It was indicated that VARNEY had resided at 23 East 124th Street for the past three and a half years. His salary was indicated as being approximately \$100. per week. VARNEY's bank was indicated as being the National City Bank, 42nd Street and Madison, Avenue, New York City.

Inasmuch as there is no indication that HAROLD LORD VARNEY is presently engaged in pro-Fascist activity, no further investigation is contemplated.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

In conducting a review of the files of the New York Field Division, the following reports were examined:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated March 28, 1940 at San Francisco, California, in case entitled: [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING."

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Special Agent in Charge, dated September 4, 1940 at Honolulu, Hawaii, in case entitled as above.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 4, 1940 at Cincinnati, Ohio, in case entitled: "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; [REDACTED], alias [REDACTED].-VICTIM; EXTORTION."

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Agent [REDACTED] Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special
dated January 22, 1944 are as follows:

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-45138 MJG**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/7/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/19,21/44	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> b7c
TITLE CHANGED HAROLD LORD VARNEY, wa, Harold Barney; LEE			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject BARNEY's correct name ascertained to be HAROLD LORD VARNEY; VARNEY was associate editor of American Mercury, 570 Lexington Avenue, NYC, from March, 1936 to August, 1938; and from 1938 to 1940 was manager of Pan Pacific Press located in Castle and Cooke Building, Honolulu, T.H. Other background data set out. Permanent residence 5630 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis. # 918391</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6/1/00 SPARKM/ENC b7c</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> dated January 22, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the correct name of the subject as HAROLD LORD VARNEY.</p> <p>Special Employee Investigator <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> ascertained at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York that there was no record with that agency concerning an individual by the name of HAROLD BARNEY.</p> <p>Special Agent <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> ascertained that Confidential Informant <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> whose identity is known to the Bureau, has no record of HAROLD BARNEY; further, that the personnel list of the American Mercury does not contain any reference to such an individual.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. C. Conroy</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">2</div>	
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[redacted] New York City, who is a personal friend of Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Field Division and known by him to be reliable, is employed [redacted]

b7c [redacted] and was interviewed by him. At his request she checked the files of that concern in an effort to locate data concerning subject BARNEY. She subsequently advised that there was no record of an individual by this name but that from March, 1936 until August, 1938 one HAROLD LORD VARNEY was on the staff of that publication as associate editor. [redacted]

[redacted] consequently has no personal knowledge of VARNEY but through discreet inquiry learned that he had written numerous articles for that publication most of which concerned the growing influence and danger of Communism in the United States; further that Mr. VARNEY had left the magazine because of a disagreement between himself and [redacted]

[redacted] Although her inquiries were limited, [redacted] declared that VARNEY apparently had a good reputation in the concern.

"Who's Who" for 1944 recites that HAROLD LORD VARNEY, writer, was born in Dover, New Hampshire, on July 13, 1893, is single, and that the following is a resume of his activities:

Lecture platform 1919-1920; Publicity Director, Constitutional League 1920; Publicity writer Republican National Committee 1920-1922; Information Chief, Federal Board Vocational Education Washington, D.C. 1922-1925; Managing Director of the Italian Historical Society 1927-1933; Editor of The Awakener 1933-1936; Associate Editor American Mercury 1936-1938; Contemporary to magazines, Home - 5630 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Manager Pan Pacific Press, 1938-1940; Address Castle and Cooke Building, Honolulu, T.H.

An examination of the Manhattan Telephone Directories for the pertinent period reflected that subject VARNEY apparently is not residing in New York City since leaving American Mercury and in this connection it is noted that the current edition of "Who's Who" carries his permanent address as St. Louis, Missouri.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will conduct such further investigation as may be deemed appropriate relative to the identity of subject LEE and the significance of the telegram quoted in reference report.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 7, 1944

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: HAROLD LORD VARNEY, wa Harold Barney:
LEE *W. Varney*
SECURITY MATTER

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 7, 1944 at New York in the above captioned matter.

It is to be noted that the above described report recites that subject VARNEY's residence address is 5630 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; further that investigation in New York City reflects that in 1938 when VARNEY left the employ of American Mercury he became manager of the Pan Pacific Press at which time his address was Honolulu, T.H.

Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the St. Louis Field Division be designated the office of origin inasmuch as no investigation remains to be conducted in this division.

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cc: St. Louis

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December 15, 1944

Special Agent in Charge

New York, New York

Re: HAROLD LORD VALNEY, wa Harold Barney
LEE
SECURITY MATTER - C

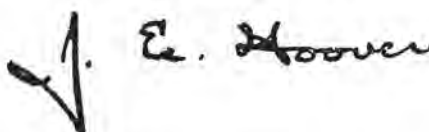
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 7, 1944 requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above entitled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate St. Louis as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

FOI # 918391

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI**

FILE NO. **100-4901**

REPORT MADE AT Saint Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 2/7/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/1/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] dck
TITLE HAROLD LORD VARNEY, alias Harold Barney; LEE			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail cover indicates subject possibly can be located at 400 Madison Avenue, New York.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-268013.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at St. Louis, Missouri December 27, 1944.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Louisville, Kentucky January 22, 1943.

DETAILS: The Bureau, in a letter dated December 5, 1944 designating St. Louis, Missouri as the office of origin carried the character of this case as Security Matter - C, however, it will be henceforth designated as Security Matter - X.

A mail cover placed on the apartment at 5630 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, on December 9, 1944 reflected that [REDACTED] received a communication postmarked December 22, New York, New York which carried the following return address:

AGENCY 100-268013
REQ. REC'D 2-1-45
REP'T FORW. 2-7-45
BY [Signature]

**H. L. Varney
Robert Maisel
400 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.**

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6/1/00 BY SP2 ALM/E

Two other communications received [REDACTED] during the month of December, 1944 carried the following return address: [REDACTED]

The occupant of this address is not known.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE PENDING -	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES [Handwritten notes and stamps]
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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will attempt to ascertain the subject's place of employment and residence through the addresses obtained by mail cover.

If the subject is located in the New York Field Division, will conduct such further investigation as may be deemed appropriate relative to the identity of the subjects and the signature of the telegram quoted in the reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] copies of which are in possession of the New York Field Division.

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100-45138

Director, FBI

DATE: April 2, 1945

FROM :

SAC, New York

SUBJECT:

HAROLD LORD VARNEY, with alias
 Harold Barney; Lee
 SECURITY MATTER - I

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated February 7, 1945 at St. Louis in connection with the above captioned subject. In lieu of covering undeveloped leads set out in the aforementioned report, this office is forwarding to St. Louis the initial and closing report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 22, 1944 at New York City entitled "Harold Lord Varney, Security Matter - I".

This report indicates that the subject is employed by [REDACTED]. Subject resides at 23 East 124th Street, New York City, and a recent check indicates that he is still a resident at that address.

It is believed that the alias Harold Barney has come about as an error in pronouncing subject's last name "Varney", and that the letter "B" was substituted for "V" in pronouncing this name. It is suggested that the St. Louis Field Division consider eliminating the alias Harold Barney from the title as it apparently is an error in pronouncing subject's last name rather than an alias used by him.

No further investigation is contemplated by the New York Field Division and therefore this case is being referred upon completion to the St. Louis Field Division, office of origin.

cc- St. Louis (Enc. 1)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

FILE NO. **100-4901**

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 4-27-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-24-45	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> hos
TITLE HAROLD LORD VARNEY, alias Harold Barney; LEE			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: New York Field Division previously conducted full investigation into alleged pro-Fascist activities of subject. Instant case closed upon authority of the SAC.

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REFERENCES: Bureau file #100-268013.
Report of Special Agent dated 2-7-45 at St. Louis, Missouri.

DETAILS: By letter dated April 2, 1945 the New York Field Division advised that, in lieu of covering the undeveloped lead set out in referenced report, it was forwarding to this office the initial and closing reports of Special Agent dated January 22, 1944 at New York City, entitled **HAROLD LORD VARNEY, Security Matter - I**. This report concludes with the statement: "Inasmuch as there is no indication that **HAROLD LORD VARNEY** is presently engaged in pro-Fascist activity, no further investigation is contemplated."

Accordingly, this case is closed in the St. Louis Field Office upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-268013)

DATE: 1-9-53

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-4901)

SUBJECT: HAROLD LORD VARNEY, was.
SECURITY MATTER - X

FOI # 918391
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DATE 6/1/00 BY SP2 ALM/LEHL

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 2447 Butler Street

East Elmhurst, New York

Business Address: _____

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

☐ Security Index Cards

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cc: New York Division (Enc.) - 1 REGISTERED MAIL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/26/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (97-NEW) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HAROLD LORD VARNEY
RA-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
IS-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
(OO:NY)Fol # 918391
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DATE 6/1/00 BY SP2 ALM/ETHL

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of LHM and for NYO, 2 copies of LHM and one copy of Spanish language document entitled, "Relacion de los Pagos.....Mayo del Ano 1961." b7c

Document mentioned in enclosure furnished to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] by [redacted] for photographing 7/1/63. Document was photographed and negative is number 7, film roll number 23, WFO file 105-20653-744. One photographic copy of document is being furnished the NYO.

Information from [redacted] furnished to SAs [redacted] as reflected page 4 of report of SA [redacted] 1/27/61, New York, entitled, "COMMITTEE ON PAN AMERICAN POLICY. REGISTRATION ACT-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC," in which case NYO was origin. (NY file 97-1889)

Files WFO contain no additional pertinent information regarding subject, except that set out in above-mentioned report of SA [redacted]

Information from [redacted] furnished SA [redacted]

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Inasmuch as the results of the investigation on the Committee On Pan American Policy are not known to the WFO, the setting out of any leads in instant case is being left to the discretion of the New York Office. However, it is suggested if not already done, [REDACTED] be located and interviewed concerning this matter. In this connection, the Bureau, by routing slip dated 3/13/62, forwarded New York and WFO copies of an Operations Memorandum dated 2/12/62, from the American Embassy, Santo Domingo, D. R., to the Department of State, which reflects [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] location is not known to the New York Office, and it is desired that he be interviewed, a lead should be set out for WFO to check INS Central Office files for information as to his present address.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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[REDACTED] Varney is the former editor of the "American Mercury" magazine, and has been a long-time friend [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Varney, as the former editor of "American Mercury" magazine, during June, 1957, wrote an article captioned, "What is Behind the Galindez Case?", which appeared in that magazine and was very pro-Trujillo.

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On August 16, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., advised the records of her section failed to reflect any registration by Harold Lord Varney or the Committee On Pan American Policy in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended,

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The Counter- Attack

By
**HAROLD LORD
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BATTLE-WEARY anti-Communists are now learning, with grim emphasis, that their victory is not yet won. The enemy is alive, and threatening.

Signs are multiplying that the discredited old Russia-firsters who disappeared into their storm cellars in 1948 and 1949, on the rebound of the Hiss exposé, are back in action. Voices which were believed to be permanently silenced are again sounding off. Sincere anti-Communists are being held up to public pillorying. Bogus anti-Communists are regaining the center of the pub-

licity stage. We are in the presence of the counter-attack.

On the extreme Left, clouded figures which were driven into eclipse during the successive waves of Congressional investigations are defiantly re-emerging. Owen Lattimore is demanding a passport to go overseas to interpret America to the foreigner on the lecture platform. William H. Taylor, named by Miss Bentley as a member of the Silvermaster Red ring, is loudly demanding vindication. David N. Leff, a Federal Loyalty Board-defier

who was finally dropped from UNESCO by a reluctant Director Luther H. Evans, is now emphatically demanding reinstatement.

Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, named as a Communist Party member by an FBI undercover agent, was restored to her Defense Department job after the civil liberties heat had been turned on Secretary Wilson, and her counsel was elevated to a high District of Columbia job. Harvey S. Matusow, sensing greener fields on the Left than on the Right, is now conducting a one-man smear campaign against Roy M. Cohn,

while the New York dailies lavishly publicize him. Alger Hiss is writing a book, presumably with Book-of-the-Month Club royalties in expectation.

MORE alarming than any of these individual instances is the plain evidence of a concerted and deadly attack by professional "liberals," former Hiss defenders, and tired former anti-Communists, on the whole edifice of Federal security.

This has taken the form of the Thurmond Arnold argued Peters case, in which the courts are being asked to rule that the Loyalty Review Board cannot dismiss government employees on "reasonable doubt." It has taken the form of the crusade by former anti-Communist Harry P. Cain to remove the Communist stigma from a witness who pleads the Fifth Amendment. It is seen in the Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.-McGeorge Bundy-Ernest Angell assault upon the protected anonymity of Justice Department informers. It is instanced in the cry-baby Edward Corsi attack upon honest State Department enforcement of the McCarran-Walter Act. It appears in the attempted martyrization of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer by a clique headed by the Alsop brothers and Edward R. Murrow in an effort to break down the security safeguards of the AEC. It is instanced in the campaign, touched off by the Matu-sow case, to discredit such brave ex-Communists as Louis F. Budenz,

Elizabeth Bentley, Paul Crouch, Manning Johnson, etc., and to invalidate their testimony. It is seen in the drive to discredit the FBI, sparked by such critics as Alan Barth, Max Lowenthal, Americans for Democratic Action and others. It is manifested in the continuous pressure upon the President to relax his Executive Order 10450 — a pressure to which Mr. Eisenhower yielded in part on March 5th.

On an administrative level, it has taken the form of a terrorization of courageous public officials who have been conspicuous in their vigilance against suspected infiltrators. The hue and cry is now being directed, not against the Communists and the fellow travelers, but against such men as Scott McLeod, who has done such an outstanding job in cleaning up the State Department; against John G. Cassity and Milan D. Smith of the Department of Agriculture who brought to light the buried facts in the career of Wolf Ladejinsky; against William A. Gallagher of the Department of Justice, who prepared the case against Val R. Lorwin; or against the effective Don A. Surine of Senator McCarthy's staff.

The objective of these reprisals is crystal clear. They are designed to put fear into all Federal security officers of the ruin that may await them if they take their anti-Communist mission too seriously.

All of this adds up to an extremely serious situation for the anti-Com-

unist movement. The emotional wave which made possible the extraordinary gains of the 1948-52 period is running down. The whole laboriously constructed system of safeguards against the Communists which culminated in the McCarran Act and the Federal Security System is in grave danger of weakening before the anti-Communist sappers.

The lowering crisis has caught many ordinarily intelligent Americans by surprise. All too many anti-Communists are mentally unprepared for a rigorous period of competition with the anti-anti-Communists. They have let down their polemic guards.

Since the Washington Russia-firsters collapsed in 1948 under the revelations of Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers, anti-Communism has won a spectacular series of smashing victories. The conviction of Hiss, the McCarthy State Department exposé of 1950 and its vindication in the rout of Tydings in 1952, the masterful McCarran Committee probe of the Institute of Pacific Relations in 1951-52, the indictment of Owen Latimore, the McCarthy and Jenner Committee inquiries of 1953 before the White House lowered the boom, the indictment and conviction of the first- and second-string Communists, and finally the passage of the monumental McCarran Act legalizing the Communist Party, were tremendous victories.

Any or all of them would have

been unthinkable any time between 1933 and 1948. It is understandable that anti-Communists should have felt that they were definitely in the driver's seat.

In this assumption, they failed to reckon with the determined tenacity of the Left.

A warning sign which should have alerted the anti-Communists to the approaching danger was the suspiciously sudden conversion of nearly all of the old Russia-firsters to anti-Communism. After 1948, the wartime "Trust Stalin" cult went over almost en masse to anti-Communism. They did not defect as penitents. They swarmed into the anti-Communist movement with the fixed determination to eliminate or discredit the old Right-of-center anti-Communists. The apparent play was to take over the anti-Communist movement and to emasculate it.

THREE ambitious organizations occur to the mind as the spearheads of this anti-anti-Communist strategy. They are the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, the Committee for an Effective Congress and the Americans for Democratic Action. Each has played a different but extremely effective role.

From the standpoint of anti-Communist morale, the American Committee for Cultural Freedom has probably been the most lethal. Taking a lofty "civil liberties" pose, the

Committee has, with some success, attempted to convey to the lay public that all other fighters against Communism in America, except themselves, are little better than nasty "Fascists."

Headed by the ex-Trotskyite, Dr. Sidney Hook, subsidized by the Rockefeller Foundation and miscellaneous angels, the committee has become a sort of collect-all for that curious species of anti-Communist who believes in fighting Communists — yes — but not in fighting them too hard. It is typical of the Committee that, when Joe McCarthy was being wracked on the wheel by the whole wolf pack of the Left, instead of defending him, it sponsored a book repeating all the anti-McCarthy venom. But when Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer was denied clearance by the AEC, the Committee honored him by electing him as a committeeman.

Of course, such organizations are merely the triggers. Standing behind them and giving them powerful political momentum are all the miscellany of pressure groups — labor, church, teacher, internationalist, business, anti-immigration restriction, civil liberties, New Deal — which constituted the old Roosevelt-Truman coalition, and which are now all professedly "anti-Communist." All these movements, with their millions of adherents, are fanatically dedicated to the purpose of driving genuine anti-Communists out of the Washington picture.

But the anti-anti-Communists would still be an ineffective force were it not for the 1952 windfall which they received in the delivery of the Republican Party into the hands of the Eastern "moderates." Anti-Communists, so long frowned upon by the White House under the long reigns of Roosevelt and Truman, naturally assumed that the advent of a Republican administration would mean the final cleaning out of the remaining Leftist disease spots in the Federal government. It would mean a full-dress exposé of the responsibility for Communist-pampering in Washington by Republican-controlled Congressional committees. It has not worked out that way.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, himself a sincere anti-Communist, won the Republican nomination in such a manner as to make him the prisoner of the go-easy-on-Communists faction of the Party. He has mistakenly deepened the breach between himself and such grass-roots Republicans as General MacArthur, Senators Bridges, Knowland, McCarthy, Jenner, Bricker, Dirksen, Welker, etc. He has chosen to take his counsel on strategy from such atypical figures as Paul G. Hoffman, John J. McCloy, Milton S. Eisenhower, Sherman Adams, Bernard Shanley and Maxwell Rabb. Wrongly briefed on Communist issues, temperamentally disinclined to all-out decisions, uneasily sensitive to mischievous

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British carplings at American policies, the President has been a cruel disappointment to Americans who had expected a dynamic, anti-Communist administration.

An early harbinger of what was to come was the March 1953 watering-down of the Yalta-Potsdam resolution to eliminate any pledge of the United States to repudiate the commitments. By this White House-induced action, the world was placed on notice that the new Administration did not intend to break with the Russia-appeasing policies of the Roosevelt-Truman administrations. The Republicans accepted the legacy of Yalta.

The Korean War armistice, which was in effect a formal recognition by the Republican administration that we had abandoned any intention of aiding the restoration of Chiang Kai-shek's rule in China, was the next major blow to the anti-Communists. It was a virtual announcement that the Republican "liberation" promise had been dishonored.

These foreign policy blunders were followed by equally stupid decisions in the domestic field. The furious White House war against the Bricker Amendment showed that the administration was out of step with the anti-Communists. When 11 Republican Senators, who had sponsored the original Bricker Amendment in the 82nd Congress, weakened under Eisenhower pressure and voted against the Amendment in the 83rd, it was plain that the effort was

underway to remake the Republican Party into an organization in which thorough-going anti-Communists would not feel at home.

INCIDENTS followed in quick succession to confirm this impression. The smear campaigns against Senator McCarthy in 1954, touched off by the notorious January 21 caucus of White House advisers, were correctly interpreted as a counter-assault against all active anti-Communists, as well as against McCarthy, the symbol.

When the first lynching party failed, thanks to the fairmindedness of Senators Dirksen and Mundt, the same White House group, assisted by the Committee for an Effective Congress, renewed the attempt in the form of the "censure" special session, using for their front the contemptible Ralph E. Flanders.

Equally disquieting was the discouragement of Congressional investigations and the continuance of the old Truman road-block against the testimony of executive department witnesses before such Congressional bodies.

An unmistakable sign that the new administration was wobbly on important anti-Communist issues was the sabotage of the Reece Committee to investigate the foundations. The revelations in the McCarran Committee probe of the Institute of Pacific Relations of the incredible role played by the foundations had highlighted the fact that

some of the most highly respected foundations were actively behind the anti-anti-Communists. An unsparing investigation of the political activities of the foundations would seem to have been in order.

When Representative B. Carroll Reece secured the passage of his resolution, he quickly discovered that he was facing a deep freeze, as far as top Republican cooperation was concerned. Republican House leaders, reflecting White House attitudes, were markedly unsympathetic to Reece's efforts. For eight months, the work of the Reece Committee was seriously handicapped by the non-action of Chairman Karl Lecompte of the Accounts Committee on necessary funds for the Committee's research. It was evident, throughout, that Representative Reece was on his own. That the Committee was able, despite the sabotage, to produce such a powerful report, was a tribute to Mr. Reece and his able staff, rather than to the Administration.

IN SUCH an increasingly unsympathetic Eisenhower Administration, anti-Communists find themselves today sinking into a defensive role. The old days of confident, dramatic action are behind them. The spark is going out of their attack. When a Murray Kempton, writing in the *New York Post*, can sneer that a New York dinner of anti-Communists is a "last night," the duty of self-examination is clear.

This is not to say that anti-Communism has lost the future. What should be said is that anti-Communists, if they do not quickly regain their badly dented morale, may be in a fair way to lose the present. The task facing anti-Communists in 1955 is not insuperable, but it is painfully harder.

The counter-attack is in confident progress. Anti-Communists, if they are to hold the offensive, must meet it by quickened efforts and by shrewder strategy. The greatest foe is the over-confidence which leads to tactical stagnation.



» Shortly before the Civil War, Senator Robert Toombs, a Georgian, went on a speaking tour, urging citizens to vote for secession. Toombs was a dramatic orator. At the climax of one of his speeches, he declared: "Why, we can whip those Yankees with corn stalks!"

After the war, with Georgia in ruins, Toombs was again running for the Senate. During one of his campaign orations, a man yelled from the crowd, "Remember, Bob, when you wanted us to secede — you told us we could whip those Yankees with corn stalks."

Toombs shot back: "Yes, I said that — and we coulda done it, too. But those confounded Yankees wouldn't fight us with corn stalks!"

— *Quote* WASHINGTON BUREAU

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WINCHELL'S New Hero - A Man Named VARNEY

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By **IRVING LIEBERMAN**

The name is Harold Lord Varney.

It was a big name years ago—on the far right, that is, where some Americans were saluting Adolf Hitler and accepting medals from Benito Mussolini.

It was a name that turned up—on the masthead of the pro-Fascist "Awakener"—with such idols of the lunatic fringe as Joe Kamp and Lawrence Dennis.

And it was a name that turned up—in the flesh—on the same speaking platform with that top-flight peddler of racial and religious hatreds, Gerald L. K. Smith.

Now it's a bigger name.

It is the name of Walter Winchell's newest hero.

Harold Lord Varney is W. Winchell's current passion because he wrote an article for the American Mercury parroting the never-ending Winchell refrain that the New York Post is a pro-Communist newspaper and its editor is a subversive.

But while Winchell hasn't let his followers know it, the Varney article not only repeats the libel against The Post but also assails the Liberal Party, the CIO's Walter Reuther, the Americans for Democratic Action, the American Civil Liberties Union and other anti-Communist groups—just about anybody and everybody who has ever raised a word against Joe McCarthy.

WINCHELL UNVEILED

his new pet a week ago Thursday in the Daily Mirror and any other newspaper in his syndicate that bothered to carry the item.

That column, only a hint of what was to come, hailed Varney's piece as a "blazing hoticle" with the lowdown on The Post (and its "Brains Dept.") and the allegedly sinister political reasons for this newspaper's exposure of W. Winchell.

Three days later, in his Sunday column, Winchell furnished his followers with a fresh reminder on the Varney "expose." This item beseeched the masses not to miss "H. L. Varney's wow American Mercury article exposing so-called anti-Reds, who are not so very anti when you put on your specs."

Sunday night Winchell's ardor for Varney's prose reached its high.

Both his TV and radio audiences were told that "the big town is talking about the March



JOSEPH P. KAMP
Harold L. Varney's Old Pal

issue of the American Mercury Magazine" because Varney was telling all about The Post. In his usual machine-gun style, Winchell made it sound that the Big Town was talking about nothing and nobody but Varney that night.

Now meet the author, Harold Lord Varney isn't quite 60 but looks somewhat more shopworn,

as befits a man who has made the full circle from the International Workers of the World to the GOP to the pro-Mussolini Italian Historical Society to the Kamp-Smith Dennis front to the McCarthy Bund to the gallery of W. Winchell's angels.

Varney was born in Dover, N. H., went to high school in St. Louis and attended the University of Missouri.

As a boy of 19, he became a Wobbly, a very radical thing at the time.

"I joined the I.W.W. in St. Louis back in 1912," Varney told a Post reporter this week, "and I became one of the most active men in the national movement as a writer and organizer."

"By 1919," he went on, "I came to the conclusion that I'd been wrong. I came to realize that I had taken a romantic view of the thing. I resigned publicly in January, 1920, and I began to write and lecture against Marxism."

These labors were followed by a period of service with the Republican National Committee.

Varney said he "handled" labor for the Harding and Coolidge campaigns and on the side struck some blows against the League of

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Nations and Senator Bob LaFollette's Progressive campaign for the Presidency.

"Meanwhile," Varney said, "I became interested in the rising power of communism. I also became interested in the Italian movement of Mussolini against communism. I was only interested in Mussolini as an opponent of communism—as an offset of the balance of power of Europe to the rising power of Soviet Russia."

SOON VARNEY FOUND HIMSELF lecturing about Il Duce's Italy and, in time, made managing director of the Italian Historical Society. The Society was supposed to have strong cultural purposes but turned up in international politics on the Mussolini side.

"I was there for six years," Varney said, "At the end of that period I was knighted by the King of Italy."

What he got was a medal—hung on him by Mussolini's Ambassador here—making him a Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy. That was in 1932.

Then Varney started "The Awakener."

He called it "A National Organ of Uncensored Opinion." It was "For the Americanism of the 'Right'" and "Against the Socialism of the 'Left.'"

The "Socialism of the 'Left'" turned out to be Franklin Delano Roosevelt's program to pull America up out of the depths of the GOP depression.

"It was not a disreputable paper," Varney told The Post, "It was a Republican paper which I started as an anti-New Deal vehicle. I took the title to awaken people that we were off the track."

ALONG WITH THE TITLE came Lawrence Dennis as Associate Editor and Joseph P. Kamp as Executive Editor. Kamp appeared in the papers of incorporation as a partner and Kamp and Varney gave the same Long Island City home address.

Dennis evidently managed to find time while in Varney's employ to peck away at his manuscript for "The Coming American Fascism," the book which in 1936 set his reputation going as

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the intellectual high priest of our domestic black shirts.

Dennis was one of the 29 tried in the famous sedition case in Washington in 1944. The defendants won a mistrial after eight months when Federal Judge Edward Eicher died. Two years later the indictments were killed.

Today, out of a retreat in Becket, Mass., Dennis publishes "The Appeal to Reason." He calls it his "private weekly analysis." You can buy it for \$24 a year and find out not only how Sen. McCarthy is saving America but also (quoting the issue of Feb. 28) how "Walter Winchell is working on the team, too." The "team" is McCarthy's, as Dennis puts it.

When "The Awakener" folded in 1937 Joe Kamp, another very durable fellow, set up the Constitutional Educational League to carry out his battle against what he called "Jewish Gestapo." He advised his followers that while "The Awakener" had died "its work is being carried on" by the League. Today he gets out a hate sheet called "Headlines."

Winchell's plugs for Kamp's old pal Varney look odd today alongside Winchell's attacks over the years on Kamp and his League and (on June 6, 1944) on the then defunct "Awakener." The columnist and the rabble-rouser never have gotten along.

Kamp is the author of "With Lotions of Love," a pamphlet which in 1948 assailed Winchell on religious grounds and called him "much worse than a Communist."

Kamp charged that Winchell "helps along the Communist line" while masquerading as "America's No. 1 patriot." In those days some Stalinist fronts were finding their way into the Winchell pillar though the millionaire columnist may not have known it.

Kamp has also been rapped by Frank Coniff, columnist, top policy man and a Winchell sounding post on the Journal-American, but Coniff plugged Varney too. Coniff, indeed, was a day ahead of Winchell on the Mercury article, so Journal readers were privileged to know about it before the Mirror's customers got the news.

IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH

The Post, Varney was careful not to knock Kamp or his current activities, though he said he couldn't always see eye to eye with Dennis.

He gets Dennis' newsletter every week.

"I don't go along with Dennis' idea," he said, "I don't agree with Max Lerner either, but I read him in The Post to stimulate my own thinking."

He said he found Dennis "a brilliant fellow" when he met him back in the 30s.

"I respected him intellectually," Varney said. "Dennis took a philosophical attitude that Fascism was inevitable in America. But he guessed wrong. He is a philosopher. He has a unique

slant on the interpretation of world affairs."

As for Gerald L. K. Smith, Varney also counts him in his odd circle of acquaintances. He recalled appearing as a speaker with Smith at a rally sponsored by Merwin K. Hart's New York State Economic Council in New York in 1932.

But he denied that he told the rally that "the Fascist nations are rendering western Europe an immense service."

Reminded that the quote appeared in newspaper stories about the rally, Varney said:

"I hate to say that a man quoted me incorrectly but that is not what I said. I was never pro-Nazi and never pro-Fascist. At one time I did believe it was better to have a Mussolini than a Communist regime. That's as far as I went."

"As far as Hitler was concerned, I never approved of his racist policy. I've always been against a totalitarian state."

He was asked whether he hadn't viewed Il Duce's Italy as totalitarian.

"I took Mussolini's word," he replied after a pause, "that he was achieving a form of government that would lead to a regeneration of Italy economically and spiritually. When he allied himself with Hitler I lost confidence in Mussolini's judgment."

Varney said he made his living now as a public relations man and ghost writer.

He didn't name any of the people he was "ghosting" at the present time.

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ReWFOlet 8/26/63 and enclosed letterhead memorandum
of same date captioned "Harold Lord Varney; Registration Act -
Dominican Republic; Internal Security - Dominican Republic."

In view of information in referenced communications,
reopen captioned investigation and endeavor to develop additional
evidentiary data indicating that Committee on Pan American
Policy (CPAP) and/or Varney, who is last known to have been its
President, acted as agents of the Dominican Government in the
past.

an agency relationship here which must be thoroughly explored.

Promptly review previous investigation for any additional
leads or reinterviews which should be conducted in light of the
passage of time and the changes which have taken place in the
Dominican Government since 11/24/61 when instant case was closed.

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Letter to New York
Re: COMMITTEE ON PAN AMERICAN POLICY
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b7d [REDACTED] If it is found that he is outside the U.S., immediately advise Bureau so that consideration may be given to have the Department of State interview him.

In addition, you should promptly determine Varney's current residence and ascertain if captioned organization is still in being and Varney's connection therewith. Inasmuch as Varney's income tax records for the years 1960 - 62 may contain information of value in this investigation, Bureau is endeavoring to obtain copies of these returns and will furnish them to you as soon as received.

Give this investigation close supervision and expeditious attention and submit results in report form on a 30-day basis until investigation is resolved. First report is due 10/7/63.

NOTE: Varney is a former editor of the "American Mercury" magazine. We initiated investigation on CPAP, of which Varney was President, 11/18/60 upon receipt of information [REDACTED]

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b7d [REDACTED] Investigation of Varney and CPAP did not develop any evidentiary information which would corroborate the allegation [REDACTED] was not interviewed [REDACTED] Varney was not interviewed because of his past association with "American Mercury" magazine and in the absence of more convincing evidence it was felt not desirable to interview him.

In light of new information, it appears this Registration Act allegation possibly has substance and investigation will be vigorously pursued.

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Date: September 26, 1963

To: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: COMMITTEE ON PAN AMERICAN POLICY
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Reference is made to previous reports of this Bureau which have been furnished to you concerning the captioned organization, the most recent being the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 26, 1961, at New York, New York. Reference is also made to our memorandum dated August 26, 1963, entitled "Harold Lord Varney; Registration Act - Dominican Republic, Internal Security - Dominican Republic."

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You will note that the referenced memorandum dated August 26, 1963, contains information [REDACTED]

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On the basis of the above information [REDACTED] reopened our Registration Act investigation of the captioned organization, of which Varney was last known to have been President. Investigation has disclosed that [REDACTED] mentioned above and whose name also appeared in the referenced reports [REDACTED]

One of our sources who has furnished reliable information in the past has described [REDACTED] as being honest and trustworthy.

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**Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
Department of State**

'It is requested that you endeavor to locate [REDACTED]

You will note that the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 27, 1961, at New York, New York, contains information [REDACTED]

It is requested [REDACTED] be thoroughly interviewed concerning this allegation. Since it is possible [REDACTED] may be in possession of documentary evidence pertinent to this investigation, he should be queried in that regard and it is further requested that he be asked to furnish the identities of any other individuals who might be able to furnish information of value. If any such persons are located in the Dominican Republic, we would appreciate your interviewing them.

**1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General**

NOTE:

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investigation did not develop evidentiary information which would corroborate the allegation. [REDACTED] was not interviewed [REDACTED] Varney also was not interviewed because of his past association with "American Mercury" magazine and because of absence of more convincing evidence it was felt not desirable to interview him. In light of this new information obtained by our Agents in Dominican Republic, we are now proceeding with this investigation and interview [REDACTED] essential to complete investi_ 2 _ gation in this matter.